

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2011. Claims 1, 19 and 21 are amended. Claim 1 is amended and is supported, for example, in the specification at page 32, lines 3-17. Claims 19 and 21 are amended to fix antecedent basis issues. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-24 are pending.

Claim Objections:

Claims 19 and 21 are objected to for informalities. Claims 19 and 21 are amended and no longer contain the informalities identified in the objection. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

§103 Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 12, 15 and 24 are rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki (US Patent No. 5,703,841) in view of Adachi (US Publication No. 2002/0154585) and further in view of Acker (US Publication 2002/0181376). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to an information recording medium that requires, among other features, that a starting position of recording in the outer power calibration area is determined based on the address information.

The combination of Hiroki, Adachi and Acker does not teach or suggest these features. The rejection relies on paragraph [0044] of Adachi for teaching address information address information in a record management area, with the outer boundary for recording additional user information being inward of the outer power calibration area. However, paragraph [0044] of Adachi, and Adachi as a whole is silent as to a starting position of recording in the outer power calibration area being determined based on the address information. Both Hiroki and Acker are also silent as to these features of claim 1.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is not suggested by the combination of Hiroki, Adachi and Acker and should be allowed. Claims 2, 12 and 15 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

Claims 4, 8, 9 and 23 are rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of Adachi in view of Acker and further in view of Ito (US Patent No. 7,184,377). This rejection is traversed. Claims 4, 8, 9 and 23 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Claim 6 is rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of Adachi in view of Acker in view of Ito and further in view of Lee (US Publication No. 2008/0013425). This rejection is traversed. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Claim 7 is rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of Adachi in view of Acker in view of Ito and further in view of DVD+R 4.7 *Gbytes Basic Format Specifications version 1.2* ("NPD"). This rejection is traversed. Claim 7 depends from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of Adachi in view of Acker and further in view of NPD. This rejection is traversed. Claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 are rejected as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of Adachi in view of Acker and further in view of Morozumi (US Publication No. 2003/0185120). This rejection is traversed. Claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

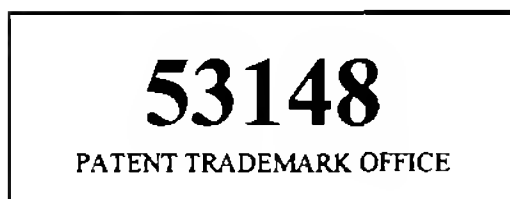
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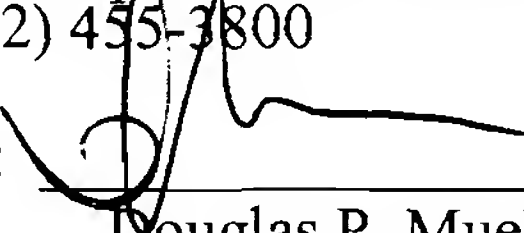
Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

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